



# *Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission*

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### **New England States Schedule Public Hearings on Draft Lobster Addendum II**

Washington, DC – The New England states of Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island have scheduled the dates and times of their public hearings to gather public comment and input on the recently released draft of Addendum II to Amendment 3 to the American Lobster Fishery Management Plan (FMP). New Jersey will also be scheduling a public hearing, although the meeting specifics have not been set yet. Following are the details of the scheduled hearings.

**January 4, 2001; 7:00 PM**

Maine Department of Marine Resources  
Eastland Park  
Cumberland Hall  
157 High Street  
Portland, Maine  
Contact: George Lapointe at (207) 624-6553

**January 9, 2001; 7:00 PM**

Rhode Island Dept. of Environmental Management  
Foundry Building, Third Floor Cafeteria  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island  
Contact: Brian Murphy at (401) 782-4713

**January 16, 2001; 7:00 PM**

Maine Department of Marine Resources  
Samoset Resort  
Spruce Head Room  
Warrenton Avenue  
Rockport, Maine  
Contact: George Lapointe at (207) 624-6553

**January 18, 2001; 7:00 PM**

Maine Department of Marine Resources  
Holiday Inn  
215 High Street  
Acadia Room  
Ellsworth, Maine  
Contact: George Lapointe at (207) 624-6553

**January 22, 2001; 7:00 PM**

Maine Department of Marine Resources  
University of Maine  
Science Building, Room 102  
9 O'Brien Avenue  
Machias, Maine  
Contact: George Lapointe at (207) 624-6553

**January 27, 2001; 2:00 PM**

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries  
Sea Crest Oceanfront Resort & Conference Center  
350 Quaker Road  
North Falmouth, Massachusetts  
Contact: Jim Fair at (617) 727-0394, ext. 363

For information on the New Jersey hearing, please contact Bruce Freeman at (609) 292-2083 or check the Commission's web site under the EVENTS page at [www.asmfc.org](http://www.asmfc.org),

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) was formed by the 15 Atlantic coastal states in 1942 for the promotion and protection of coastal fishery resources. The Commission serves as a deliberative body of the Atlantic coastal states, coordinating the conservation and management of nearshore fishery resources, including marine, shell and anadromous species.

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Addendum II will address three issues – all related to the egg production targets included in the plan. These issues are: (1) implementing the remaining portions of the 1998 Lobster Conservation Management Teams (LCMT) proposals relating to increasing egg production for the Areas 2 (inshore Southern New England), 3 (offshore waters), 4 (inshore Northern Mid-Atlantic), 5 (inshore Southern Mid-Atlantic) and the Outer Cape; (2) revising the egg production rebuilding schedule based on the May 2000 assessment; and (3) establishing a timeframe for additional LCMT recommendations to meet the 10 percent egg production target contained in the plan by 2008.

Copies of the Draft Addendum II can be obtained by contacting Vanessa Jones, Administrative Assistant, at (202) 289-6400, or via the Commission's web site under "Public Input" at [www.asmfc.org](http://www.asmfc.org). Public comment will be accepted until February 10, 2001, and should be forwarded to Heather Stirratt, American Lobster Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at 1444 Eye Street, N.W., Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 289-6051 (fax). For more information, please contact Heather Stirratt at (202) 289-6400, ext. 301, or [hstirratt@asmfc.org](mailto:hstirratt@asmfc.org).

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